



Welcome to the July edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

July Club Meeting - Tuesday night July 2nd, Stratford Town Center

Happy Canada Day weekend! 🇨🇦 Our next monthly meeting is coming up in just a couple of days on Tuesday, July 2nd, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2024 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the fall 2023 and spring 2024 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Over the last year, we've learned about a broad range of topics such as alternate power options for radio operations, 3D printing, SDRs, HF antennas in the field, Parks on the Air Activations, contesting, and how to save on custom fees.

Fall 2024 class

We have started to make a list of potential students for the next basic licensing course due to be held later this year in the fall. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking part, then please reach out to Brent VY2HF or email us at the address at the bottom of this newsletter.

Cape Bear Lighthouse 25th Anniversary Event - July 6th, Cape Bear near Murray Harbour

Cape Bear Lighthouse has a long and interesting history including being the first station in Canada to receive the distress signal from the Titanic. July 6th, 2024 marks Cape Bear's 25th anniversary of being open to the public. The official celebration will take place on the lighthouse grounds from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. As part of the event, the Club has been asked to set up a

CW station and perhaps offer some other radio related activities. Exact times and details will be discussed at the July 2nd club meeting. <https://capebearlighthouse.com>

50th Ontario Hamfest - July 13th, Burlington ON

For those traveling to Upper Canada this month, take note that the [50th Ontario Hamfest](#) will take place in Burlington on Saturday July 13 at the Fairgrounds in Milton, south of the 401, west of Toronto.

Charlottetown Flea Market - July 27th, St. Mark's Church, Charlottetown

You're not going to want to miss this! Our second flea market is set to take place on Saturday, July 27th, from 9:00 A.M. (vendors) and 10:00 A.M. (buyers) until 3:00 P.M. at St. Mark's Church, at 7 Tamarac Ave.

There is room for about 15 tables. To reserve a table, please send \$10 in advance to treasurer@charlottetownarc.com, but hurry as tables are going like hotcakes.

Admission is \$5 per person, which includes complimentary coffee, tea, or bottled water.

<https://charlottetownarc.com/?mec-events=charlottetown-arc-flea-market>

Meetings and Events Calendar - July

1: RAC Canada Day Contest

1: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

2: Monthly club meeting

3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

4, 11, 18, 25: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

6, 13, 20, 27: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

6: Cape Bear Lighthouse 25th Anniversary Event

7-12: [Youth on the Air Camp](#) in Halifax

27: Charlottetown Flea Market

27-28: Annual [IOTA](#) ("Islands on the Air") Contest

Future Events

17-18 August: International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend [[ILLW](#)]

There are several PEI lighthouses that will be activated - and several more that could be activated. CARC Discord members can find more information in the Lighthouse activation channel here:

<https://discordapp.com/channels/1061290981938429963/1135979141620060261>

22-25 August: [ARRL's Northeast Ham Exposition](#) (Boston area)

September 2024: tentative date for Fall 2024 CARC Basic Licensing Course

21 September: Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club flea market, Lions Club, Coverdale Road, Riverview NB

1-30 September: "Canadian Straight Key Month" with special call sign VC3Y.

Operators are encouraged to volunteer to operate as VC3Y by getting on the activation schedule. There is more information at the [Straight Key Century Club](#) website.

11-12 October: [NEAR Fest Fall Event](#)

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.